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Town discusses fireworks ban

BY JOSH SKAPIN Didsbury Review

Those that choose to shoot fireworks inside Didsbury town limits could soon be met with a hefty fine.

Council has seen first reading on bylaw

2007-06, which outlines a number of finan-cial penalties that would result in being caught in possession or selling fireworks, firecrackers, fire balls or squibs.

Fines will depend on the number of offences and whether they are found possessing, using or selling.

The most expensive of the fines is selling the materials, which at first offence would be \$250, second offence at \$500, and third offence at \$1,000.

First offence for possession will result in a \$50 fine, second offence is a \$100, and third offence is \$200.

Use of the outlawed materials will be met

with a \$100 fine for first offence, \$200 fine for second offence, and \$400 fine for third offence.

Wittal says the bylaw came out of discus sion over safety concerns

"It's meant to restrict firing off fireworks on private property in town," he said, citing misuse including potential for property damage as a fireworks issue the town is also attempting to curb with the new bylaw.

A controversial portion of the bylaw, is the presently undetermined restrictions on sale of fireworks.

Wittal says council may look at including a stipulation that would base the sale of fireworks on council approval.

Presently, there are provincial regula-tions on firework sales demanding the proprietor collect contact information and details on the consumer's intentions prior

Wittal says council involvement would be

a way to make sure those regulations are

being followed.
"If it is a regulation that they need to be following and we're just ensuring that they are following the regulations properly and the only way we can do that is (controlling) the ability to sell or not sell it, I guess that's

eeded in our community," he said.
Wittal says there has been discussion with concerned establishments regarding the new controls.

VanDyck, co-owner of Didsbury Home Hardware, says she is disappointed, but can see both sides of the argument.

"I just think it's too bad that some people may have abused the opportunity of using

them," she said.

The bylaw was initially proposed by Didsbury RCMP Cst. Robert Newton.

Newton has said, one of the reasons he felt the bylaw was important is to decrease the number of unnecessary emergency

On many occasions, fireworks, due to the similar sound, are reported to police as shots fired.

RCMP respond to that particular call, in patrol cars with lights flashing and at a high rate of speed, resulting in placing the RCMP member and members of public at a degree of risk

Another bylaw proposed by Newton that has received first reading is one that would ban the discharge of any projectile device, which requires air pressure, spring power, or other mechanical aperture to discharge. Proposed fines on projectile discharge devices range between the most expensive penalty at \$1,600 which is third offence for discharge at a person or animal, to \$50 for first offence caught discharging a device without living target.

Presently, a similar bylaw is being used in the Town of Carstairs.



OUT WITH A BANG - Karen Miko, Didsbury Home Hardware, holds fireworks that could soon be outlawed in Didsbury. Council is expected to pass a bylaw that will make it illegal to use, possess



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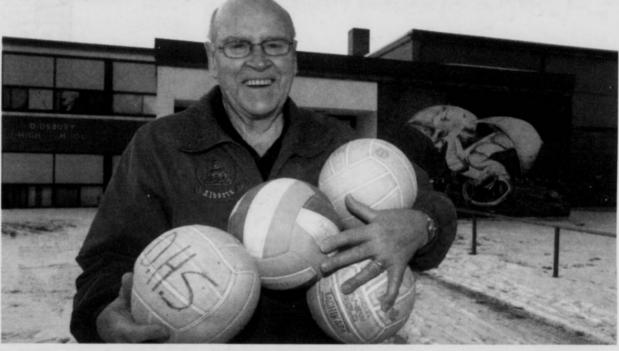
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RIGHT TO PLAY

see children again, thanks to Right to Play volunteers. Roy Brassard, former Chinook's Edge school trustee, is saving old recreation equipment left over from the old Didsbury High School for third-world children in need of sports equipment. Chinook's Edge opened the old school to non-profit organiza-tions for their bids on items inside the school that didn't make the cut to be moved to the new school. The school will be open to the public for their bids on Wednesday.



School division prepares for old high school demolition

BY JOSH SKAPIN Didsbury Revie

Chinook's Edge School Division has issued a letter of intent to local company Columbia Rail Contractors for the purpose of looking after the demolition of the old Didsbury High School.

A date for the demolition is presently undetermined, but school division director of facilities Roy Clark expects the process to take place in early January.

"In some sense, it's probably not a bad time to do that. It's in the wintertime, and probably most people's windows are closed," he said.

The school division will be busy completing a number of necessary steps prior to the demolition.

Last week a contractor removed an autenna from

Last week, a contractor removed an antenna from the school, which in the past was used as a wireless system for internet connections between the schools.

Unfixed furnishing and assets that are considered valuable to other schools in the division have been removed from the building.

Also removed from the school are assets that are considered valuable from the maintenance perspective, he said.

Things like emergency lighting, a fire alarm system, the telephone system, and lockers (will be re-used)

But the new home for other items will be subject to a bidding process, said Clark.

I have sent out a list to local non-profit groups, that the Town of Didsbury have provided, and we have offered them the opportunity to come into the school where a bid would be made.

The non-profit groups reviewed and placed bids on

items Dec. 17.
In a similar process, the school division will open the school's doors to members of the public interested in making bids on leftover items on Wednesday.

The final phase necessary before the contractor begins demolition, is the removal of asbestos in one of the school's boiler rooms

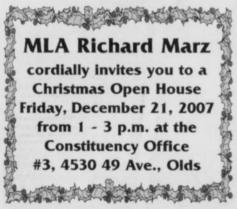
Clark says Columbia Rail is required to fill the hole left from the demolition and when the spring comes, topsoil and grass seed will be applied.

Uprights will remain on the land, as Roy encourages area youth to continue to use the space as a football

The school division and town are engaged in ongoing

talks regarding sale of the land.
"The town has a lot of control in terms of the type of development they would allow on that property," said Roy, mentioning the influence of zoning bylaws.

We're working with the town, and part of the discus sion is appropriate use



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Cougar spotted near **Didsbury**

Authorities make precautionary warning to neighbours

BY JOSH SKAPIN

Didsbury Review

Didsbury RCMP and the Town of Didsbury Peace Officer Derek Sutherland investigated the complaint of a cougar found in the backyard of a Didsbury area residence Dec. 8.

The initial complaint came from a woman living in Westforks that saw the cougar in her backyard.

Sutherland and members of the RCMP saw the paw prints and determined that they appeared to belong to a cougar,
Investigators then contacted Alberta

Fish and Wildlife to report the finding.
"It's fairly common to see a cougar," said

Sutherland. "When it becomes troublesome is when

the sightings are reoccurring. Sutherland says cougars are naturally skittish and don't like to be around

At press time, police are only aware of

the one sighting.

In the case of a second sighting, Sutherland says Fish and Wildlife would

Sutherland and police attended neighbouring residences advising them to keep their children and dogs indoors for the time being.

"It turned out that they didn't have too nuch to worry about, because the cougar was just passing though," said Sutherland. "It's better to be safe than sorry with

those things.

While it is undetermined what initially attracted the cougar to the area, RCMP put down a deer after it was injured during a collision with a vehicle two days earlier.

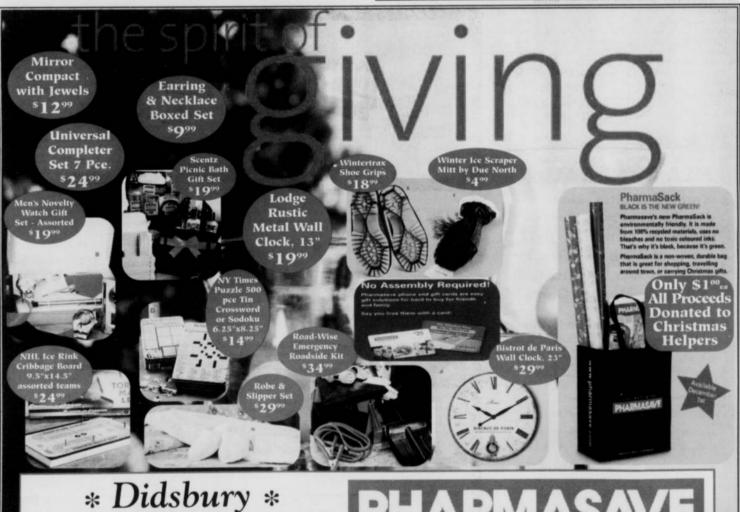
"I don't know if that cougar was interest-ed in that deer, it seemed to me that they were always a bit more interested in the fresh stuff," said Sutherland, a former park

"They're pretty good hunters too."





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Opinion

Commentary Child care consultations worth participation

DAN SINGLETON Didsbury Review

Residents should make the most of a new opportunity to have input into the future of childcare in the province.

The Alberta government announced last week that it will conduct further public consultation on proposed standards governing provincially licenced day cares, out-of-school care, and nursery school programs.

"The development of child care standards is a partnership between government, parents and the child care community," said Minister of Children's Services Janis Tarchuk. "Our common goal is regulations that support quality, affordable and accessible child care programs. We will continue to work with Albertans as we move forward."

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The new Child Care Licensing Regulations will be finalized when the Child Care Licensing Act is proclaimed, likely next year.

The new regulations will set out first air training and criminal record check requirements for staff, administrators and volunteers in licensed child care programs. In order to remain certified, all staff working in licenced children care programs would be required to submit a criminal record check every three years.

 They will also include minimum required staffchild rations and maximum group sizes for out-ofschool care programs.

 As well, the regulations will require that meals and snacks follow a Health Canada approved guide, and should be provided at appropriate times and in sufficient quantities to meet the needs of each child.

 Day cares will also be required to have a minimum of three square metres per child in net floor space.

 And they will require daycares to have "stimulating, developmentally appropriate toys and play equipment foster creativity and physical activity, and help children develop social, language and cognitive skills."

Meaningful input into the formulation of the standards by which children are cared for in the province is vital to the well-being of the province's most vulnerable citizens.

And when the issues at stake include the nutritional needs, safety and living conditions of children, including infants, stakeholders should take the time to do their part.

The consultation document and questionnaire is available on line at www.child.alberta.ca/childcare or by phoning 1-866-741-KIDS (5437).

More than 1,500 people participating in the earlier first phase of consultation on the proposed standards. Hopefully similar numbers will be involved in this new round of input.

Minister Tarchuk says the province is committed to working with all Albertans on the formulation of the new standards. Hopefully in the end the government will act on the recommendations provided and will put the interests of young people and their families first.

If all parties work together on the new consultation process, Albertans of all ages will benefit today and down the road.

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Guest Commentary

Notification of internet child exploitation needed

Honourable Ron Stevens QC, Deputy Premier, Minister of Justice and Attorney General

As the Deputy Premier and Minister of Justice and Attorney General, I take great pride in the work the Alberta government does to provide safe communities and help Albertans to enjoy a strong quality of life. My mandate to provide safe and secure communities includes recommending critical amendments to Canada's Criminal Code that will help to protect Albertans, including our children.

One amendment we are aggressively pursuing right now pertains to the sexual exploitation of children on the Internet. It may surprise you to know that under our current laws, Internet Service Providers (ISP) are not legally required to report websites depicting child exploitation. We rely on these 480 companies, to voluntarily report what they find. While we are grateful for the providers that currently participate, most do not. In fact, under Canadian law, none of these companies are obliged to do anything at all.

This is why Alberta is urging the federal government to change the law. We want to make it mandatory for internet service providers to notify police when they become aware of suspected child sexual exploitation. This law is in place in several other countries and has proven successful. It works because Internet providers have unique access to information the police need to find offenders, and rescue the children who face these horrifying acts. As well, they are often the point of first contact for customers who encounter this disturbing material.

If you are like most Albertans, the true severity of this crime is hard to fathom. You might be inclined to think it is not happening in Alberta, or at least not in your own backyards. I also believe most Albertans doubt

they have a voice that matters, and that they can help change this law in Ottawa. On all three counts, I ask you to please think again.

Child sexual exploitation on the internet is very severe and only getting worse. In 2004, 1,250 reports of child sexual exploitation were reported to Cybertip.ca, Canada's online reporting tip service. The number projected for this year is 8,500. The ages of the children and the crimes against them have also become more appalling. Today, most children are under age nine and many are under three years of age. The crimes have also now evolved to include live Internet feeds, where participants request actions and children are then abused, raped or tortured, often by someone they know and trust. In the process of the crimes they endure, our children's innocence, and often their futures, are stolen. Sadly, this crime does happen in Alberta and could be occurring on your block, even as you read this article. In fact, this month alone there are 115 child exploitation charges before the courts in Alberta.

I would like to assure you Alberta is doing good work around this issue. We have five crown prosecutors dedicated to this crime and work extensively with justice and police services throughout Canada and the world. However, there is more work to be done, and requiring internet service providers to report is an important change we need to make soon. This is where I hope Albertans will help, by letting Ottawa know this is important to you.

to you.

To help prove your voice matters, I will recount a recent case in Edmonton. This example involves an Alberta mother who spoke up and subsequently was heard - around the world, in an earth shattering case of child sexual exploitation.

child sexual exploitation. In May of 2006, a woman was at a field hockey game with her children when a little boy told her something very troubling. She wrestled with herself and summoned the courage to tell Alberta Children's Services what she heard. The result of her call was staggering. It launched an investigation that revealed horrific sexual crimes against children, including the boy, his sister, and even their young friends. What the investigators found is too disturbing to mention in this column, suffice it to say they discovered depictions of vile, disturbing, and heinous acts.

The call this Albertan made, led to the arrests of over 100 people worldwide and saved over 50 children, including four in Alberta. Is this lady a heroine? In my mind, yes, because what she did took risk and courage, and what she did saved lives. What I want you to see is you can also make a difference. Please take a moment and write or phone your MP. Tell them Alberta simply will not rest until we have mandatory reporting of child exploitation by internet service providers.

The law we propose is complex and I cannot promise it will be a silver bullet that will fix everything, but it will help. It will shine a light in the corners, where pedophiles hide, waiting to lure and abuse their next victims. And it will help keep the light on for the children still waiting to be saved. It will give them hope that we will find them, and take them away from the horrors of the monstrous, shadowy world of child exploitation.

To contact your MP, please visit http://webinfo.parl.gc.ca.

To report online child exploitation, please go to cybertip.ca, Canada's national reporting tipline, or call your local police

local police.

Parents and children can learn more about how to be safe online by visiting these Government of Alberta websites:

badguypatrol.ca, weron?u.ca and getwebwise ca.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Tuesday, December 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers Tuesday, January 8 & 29, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. Council Chambers Wednesday, January 2 & 16, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. Council Chambers

The Town Office will be closed the second Friday of every month from Noon to 1:00 pm (January 11, 2008)

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DP 156-	07 2 Bluebird Drive	Single Family Dwelling with conditions	R2
DP 157-	07 2012 – 20 Street (upstairs)	Change of use from Vacant to Personal Services with waiver and condition	C1

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Robert Wigg, Development Officer

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PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF DIDSBURY **OFFSITE LEVY BYLAW 2007-24**

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of Didsbury has passed first reading of a Bylaw to adopt a new Offsite Levy fee structure.

Prior to proceeding to second and third readings, the public are invited to submit any comments and concerns to the Municipal Clerk on or before 12 Noon on January 8, 2008. These comments and concerns will be presented to Council at the January 8, 2008 Regular Council Meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. for review prior to consideration and/or granting of second and third readings.

The public may inspect a copy of the proposed Bylaw at the Town of Didsbury Municipal Office, 2037-19 Avenue, during regular office hours 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday after December 18, 2007.

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Planning and Development Officer



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Administration Office, Planning & Development & Public Works

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December 26 CLOSED 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. December 27 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. December 28 December 31 Early Closure

CLOSED January 1 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. January 2

Didsbury Neighborhood Place

CLOSED December 24 to January 1, 2008

Didsbury Aquatic Centre & Arena

December 25 CLOSED December 26 CLOSED January 1

Check out the full schedule on the website: www.didsbury.ca

The Town of Didsbury Mayor, Council and Staff wish you all a safe and happy Christmas Season.

Attention Utility Rate Payers

As of December 1, 2007 the winter rates for sewer come into effect. The new rate is 56.5% of your water usage. This will be in effect until May 31, 2008. All other charges will remain the same.

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Apply by December 28, 2007 to Jolene Leutschaft, DOSCA Program Coordinator, Town of Didsbury, Box 790, Didsbury, AB, T0M 0W0, Fax (403) 335-9794 or e-mail at jleutschaft@didsbury.ca.

Please call 559-8113 for more information.

Goodbye Old High School

IAN TAYLOR
Didsbury Trustee

Soon the old high school building will be demolished and recently I had the chance to pay one last visit before it's gone. Entering was like seeing an old friend who is very sick. Dust lay everywhere, wires hung down from the ceiling, and various fittings and furniture not wanted in the new school stood around in disarray. A good number of lockers had been pried out of their places and shipped to other schools in the division. The hallways looked like a mouth with most of its teeth missing.

With the heating turned off it was a cold and ruined place, but for me many memories came flooding back as I walked around. The gym was in darkness. The lights didn't seem to be working but this desolate space used to be the liveliest place in the school. Constantly in use for Phys. Ed. and sports tournaments it was also our venue for assemblies with speakers, musicians, awards presentations, Remembrance Day ceremonies, school dances, and graduations.

Memory tends to latch on to the

more unusual events and down in the biology lab. I thought of the collection of animals Mr. Klinger had and the panic when one of his snakes escaped into the floor ductwork. It was only thanks to an ingenious trap made of plastic tubing by Devon Richards that we recaptured it. The mealworms that were used to feed some of these animals also managed to leave the lab and find their way into the nearby lockers, much to the annoyance of our caretakers and the disgust of some grade eleven girls who found them in their lunches.

Down the hallway and around to the May City section where the one real and serious fire did occur. Like most schools we had regular fire drills so when the actual thing happened it was rather difficult to convince everyone this time that there was now a special urgency to leave. I can still picture the scene when I opened the empty classroom door and saw flames climbing the far wall and engulfing the curtains. We managed to extinguish the blaze, but were chided by the fire department over the danger of even tangling with it.

Beyond those windows lay the

library garden, made as a special project by the grade sevens in 1983 to turn an unsightly wasteland into a beautiful welcoming space. They wheeled countless barrow loads of topsoil, moved bridge timbers into place for retaining walls, spread gravel for pathways, and brought plants from home (with or without parents' consent). Now nature has reclaimed its own. One of the trees that grew to be as tall as the two storied wall beside it has toppled forward at a drunken angle, probably the victim of a strong wind, and around it the untended plants tangle together in wild profusion.

I can't leave without one last look at the office. It was my base for fourteen years and the place to report any crisis or problem. Injuries all came here for attention and one in particular stands out. A boy had been going down the stairs with his hand on the railing. This railing (now in the Didsbury Museum) was Douglas fir, a poor choice since a large sliver had detached and gone into his hand. I thought at first it was a joke because he seemed quite calm and nonchalant when his friend brought him to the office and suggested I should

take a look at it. What I saw was a wickedly sharp piece of wood that had entered his palm between the thumb and first finger and was protruding out the back of his hand. We went straight to the hospital.

These are just a few of the many memories triggered by the visit. There are so many you could write a T.V. series around them. I'm feeling rather sad as I leave the school for the last time but there are the blue spruce on the east side that we planted years ago. One of the caretakers bet me that they wouldn't last 'till Christmas, but here they are years later, tall and strong.

One thing is clear, this building without

One thing is clear, this building without people, without light, warmth, movement and noise, is not a school. The school is elsewhere, but these walls fostered several generations of students who now stand tall and strong as useful contributing members of society with children of their own. It served us well.

May you all have a restful and rewarding Christmas. If you wish to contact me about educational matters you may do so at - phone, 335-8575, or e-mail nanatee@telusplanet.net.



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Reader concerned about town development

The editor,

The letter regarding the lack of involvement by the Development and Planning Commission is very typical of the feeling many of us have toward municipal representatives. It seems that municipal politicians and agencies always put the interests of the current citizens second to that of developers.

I lived through this in Calgary for 15 years and the trend is now getting more obvious in the smaller communities as well. I attended "town hall" meetings in Calgary more than once to fight the plans of developers and luckily we had development plans altered, but only after a large showing of opposition.

By the time public meetings are held, and often only if legally required, many development plans are already in place. I recently experienced this again after attending one of the fall meetings held to discuss the town and county joint annexation plan. Some of the plan was modified to suit individual or group requests but did any citizens ever have input to the plan as a whole? Many people attending the meetings had no knowledge of the plan.

Alberta's hot economy makes the situation much worse because developers are coming from all over the country to grab a piece of the action here. Town and county officials look at potential financial benefits to their respective organizations only and usually never at the implications on the individual citizens.

Speak up or your lifestyle will change dramatically before you know it, and it won't necessarily be for the better.

Dave Vinish Didsbury

Didsbury RCMP received 54 calls over the past week, average of nine files a day.

12-07 - Complaint of four people loitering in a bank's ATM lobby. Members attended but the subjects were gone on arrival. Police noted the smell of recently

smoked marijuana.

12-07 — Report of theft under \$5,000. Cigarettes and oney were stolen from inside a vehicle in town.

12-07 – Report of a vehicle that knocked over a fence

at a farm near Didsbury. The incident resulted in a numof llamas on the loose

12-07 - A vehicle attempting to cross the train tracks hit a nearby ditch near Twn Road 310. No injuries were

12-07 - Report of a vehicle trying to pass a school bus unsafely. People were unable to get a license plate for the

hsately. Feeple.

12-08 — Complaint of a vehicle that hit a power pole in idsbury. The vehicle left the scene, but the driver Didsbury.

reported the accident later that day.

12-08 - Report of a stolen vehicle in Didsbury. The complainant established contact with the person who was loaned the car, and the vehicle was returned a short

while later.

12-08 - A complaint was made to Didsbury RCMP

Police briefs

BY JOSH SKAPIN Didsbury Review

regarding a male that was spotted shaking under Calgary area overpass. Calgary police and Calgary EMS alerted.

12-08 - A man reported his dog missing in the Water Valley area. Upon further investigation, police learned that a hunter mistook the dog for a coyote and shot it. RCMP confirmed that dog looked like a coyote and eemed the incident accidental, so no charges were laid.

12-08 — Report of a family member missing. Police

ed the family member was gone Christmas shopping. 12-08 - Report of four youths shooting fireworks near

school in Didsbury. Four young persons fled the scene, but police were able to track them down. One of the subjects was an adult and

charged. 12-09 - Report of a suspicious vehicle at a Carstairs dealership. Police learned the vehicle was left running to warm up in the cold, and the owner left its keys inside the

locked car.

12-09 — Report of a vehicle running a four-way stop on

Hwy 2A.

12-10 — Call of harassment via text messaging. A disover property was the purpose

12-10 — Report of a gas and dash in Carstairs. Police ay \$117 in gas was taken from the scene. The same vehis reported stolen from Edmonton the next day.

12-10 - Report of money being stolen from a bank

12-11 - Report of an intoxicated male banging on the door and throwing a rock through the window of a hous The suspect was arrested and charged with mischief. Police say it was not a random act.

12-08 — Complainant received an e-mail with the sub-ject title "RCMP warning." RCMP determined the e-mail illegitimate

12-11 - A Didsbury resident found an 8-inch hunting and turned it in to police.

12-11 — A Didsbury resident reported a suspicious person and noted tracks in the snow leading to their back Nothing was reported missing or stolen.

12-12 - Report of a cow walking along the highway ear Cremona.

12-13 — Report of a male burning items in Carstairs.

Christmas Helper Program off to great start

I would like to thank everyone who has already helped to get this Christmas Helper Program off to such a great start.

However, some people have some questions and I would like to answer them here.

 Angels are located at Marco's Bakery, Uhlala
Boutique, Victoria Square Mall, and Movie Gallery. Buy a gift, attach the angel to it and place unwrapped at the Post Office or Short Stop Gas, by Dec. 17. Thanks.

Non-perishable food may be taken to Zion Church or placed in drop boxes located in various businesses.

3. Contributions to buy extra food may also be taken to Zion Church Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4

4. Names of individuals or families need to be phoned to Zion Church at 335-3269, by Dec. 18.

5. Your help at the gift wrapping would be appreciated. Everyone is welcome Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. at Zion

Thank you to all in Didsbury for your help in this

submitted by Linda Siri and Linda Regner

Mayor plans Didsbury's Miki Town return Council to cover costs

BY JOSH SKAPIN

Didsbury Review

Didsbury Town council agreed to cover the cost of a trip that will send Mayor Brian Wittal to Miki Town Japan.

Wittal, at costs not to exceed \$2,330 will join municipal clerk Luana Smith, who is taking 12 Didsbury students to Miki Town and other areas of Japan in April of 2008.

The Council of Miki Town has donated \$500 to help cover the expenses of the 12 students April 6 to 20.

Wittal will be conducting business in Miki Town for five days, but will pay his own way and he continues on the trip, which will include Tokyo and Kyoto Japan as a chaperon for the local youth.
Following the 2007 municipal election, Wittal received a

letter invitation from Mayor Ishihara, encouraging Didsbury's return.

Former mayor Dorothy Moore visited Miki Town last year, a trip that was paid for by the Japanese town.
"They've been very good to work with," said Wittal.

"This time we felt we should go back and reciprocate in-kind, and we felt that we could afford to cover the cost of

flight and hotel for the days that I will be in Miki Town."

While in Miki Town, Wittal will meet with the town's mayor, chamber of commerce and a number of its business people.

He says he will be touring some of the town's key business and industrial facilities to learn about their business base and economy.

"From an international perspective, it's very important and gives us exposure to what's happening in other countries and other cultures," he said.

"It's hard to say whether anything from an economic

benefit may derive out of that, whether you may ever find some business that may be interested in what's happening over here, in Canada, in Alberta. This would now be a connection that you can work on."

Wittal said, if nothing else, the trip should provide valu-able international exposure for Didsbury.

Students from Miki Town will be returning to Didsbury in March 2008.

This will mark the five-year anniversary of the first occasion Miki Town students visited Didsbury in the Maple Leaf Programme Exchange.



The Didsbury Minor Hockey Association together with the Didsbury Midget Ramblers extend a huge Thank You to the following businesses for their support of the Saitama Sakae Beavers vs Didsbury Midget Ramblers hockey game that was played on December 5, 2007:

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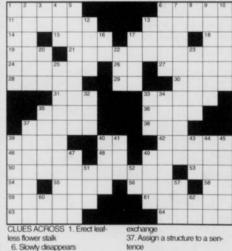
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The DMHA and the Didsbury Midgets were overwhelmed by the support of the community and fans who came to watch this international hockey game THANK YOU! The teddy, toque and mitt toss gathered an astounding ten 40 x 50 bags of items that have been presented to the Christmas Helpers in Didsbury.

You helped make this a night to remember in Didsbury – we hope you enjoyed the game!

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From Linz

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Biy Santo Luv frum Caleb

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Der Santu

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eny thing hisy yer please Haw is roodof?

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Der Satu

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Dear Sato Thank you for the Frog Gam Last yer. Can you pregot me a soobyDoo Seven? Ples get the wrld good food. Dotfor got my house

Dir Santa

Thak you four the kasul you gav me last yer. Can you get me two wepkidz this yer. Can you get my Dad a book Can you get the world good food.

I like your raw Deer I lik your stay. Don't forgat

Emily

Der Satu

Thac you for the webkin you gav me last yer. Ples giv me a bratz this yer.

Ples give my sistr a pond pupe tiz yer.

PLes giv the world sum me. I do the randers a fli a lot. I hop you hav a god day at

the north pul.

Der Shantu

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Can you giv mi cosin a book. Please brig food to the

por pepol. Haw do your randers fliy? And what is your fafrit fud?

I Love you I hoop you hav a saf trip.

Der Santa

Thack you for the Doll you

gave me lashe yur.
Can you brie me a stuff
horse this yur ples.
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Can you brie my mom a prsce. Pleesse can you brie

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I love you santa. Have a good CHresmes. Mackenzie

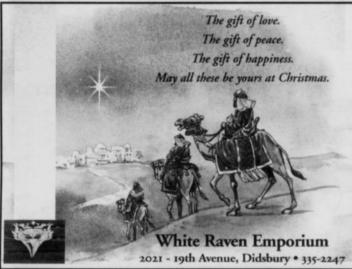
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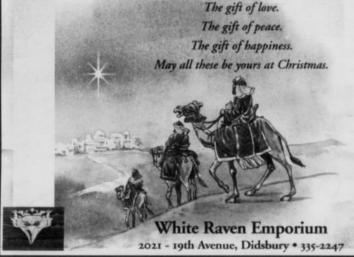
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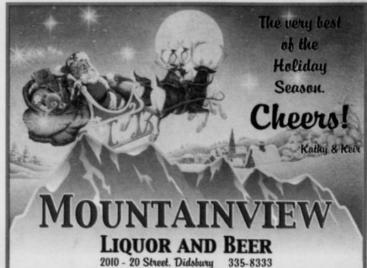
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Love, Nick Bitzer

Dear Santa Claus.

Thank you for my Bratz doll. I like it a Lot. Please bring mymomasnowflake decoration. I would like a eopet. Please bring peace to the world. How are you?

Have a Merry Christmas. Love, Marissa Tony

Dear Santa Claus

How are you Santa? Are you really busy? I hope you have time to bring me a present. I would really like remote control truck. I will have a good treat for you, Santa.

Love, Tristan

Dear Santa, I like you!

I would like a Racoon ebkin plea

How is Rudolf and all the rest of the reindeer?

How are you and your wife doing's

Merry Christmas! Love Owen

Dear Santa How is Rudolf doing?

I would like a ballerina mat and a ballerina suit,

Would you give my mom nice little ring.

Merry Christmas Love, Regan

Dear Santa,

for the Thank-vou Batman Lego. My mom helped me build it.

There were stairs for Batman. It is so much fun. My dog Rufus chewed my

Are you having a good rest at the North Pole? Maybe some day I can visit you. We could Would you please bring me a V-Bot that is noisey. Please mommy a Care Bear and a Daddy a Diego rescue cen-

Love From Brodie Weber

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the SpongeBob How are you doing? How is Rudolph?

Is he leading the way to Didsbury?

I would like a DS, please. Thank you Santa

Love Jaxon

Dear Santa

Thank for my ponies.. How is Rudolf, claus making I would like a toy.

It is a sing and dance pinky pie. I love you santa! Love Kayla

Dear Santa

I would please like a toy. Optimus Prime the Battle Rig Blaster. How are your reindeer? Are your eleves busy?

Merry Christmas! Santa love, Tye

How is Mrs. Claus doing? How is Rudolf doing. would like a transformer Have a nice Christmas!

Love Conner

Dear Sauta. How is Rudolf? How is Mrs. Claus? Please can I have a white

Merry Christmas

Love, Abi

Thank you for the pres-

I would like a tea set Do the eleves wrap all

the presents? Santa!

Merry Christmas Love; Brooke

Dear Santa I love you Santa!

Could I please have a baby alive! Are the reinpaby alive! Are the rein-deer going to pul your sleigh?

Merry Christmas Santa! Shayna

Dear Santa, How is Mrs Claus? How is Rudolf? How is the North Pole? I would like a stuffie please

Thank you for the pres

Love Grace

Dear Santa, I like you Thank-you For the Bay Blade

For the Bay Blades. How si the North Pole? How many reindeer do you have? Please bring mom some flower pots. And Dad a work pocket. Please have? bring me a remote control Shake

Love from Rowan

How are you doing? will leave you cookies right by the Christmas tree I would like a transformer this is called BumbleBee I would like a turkey stuffie.

Merry Christmas Santa Love, Spencer

Dear Santa. How is the Northpoll How many elves do you

Thank-you for presents for last year. You must have lots of toys in your sled!

se bring me a remote control tratula.

Please bring mom flowers and dad some tools. Thank you from Chase

Dear Santa, How are the reindeer? Is Rudolf even real? I would like a stuffie for

Christmas, please Have a MerM Chlistmas Love





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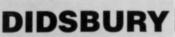
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Dear Santa Clause. How are your reindeer? How are your elves? please bring me a lego train. please bring my brother an xbox 360. thank you! Merry christmas. Love Taylor.

Taylor Gingell

Dear Santa. How are you doing? How is Rudolph? Please bring me a real kitty. Please bring my brother money. Please bring the world peace. Thank you! Happy New Year Santa Claus! Love Kassie! Kassie Miller

Dear Santa Claus. How are you? How are your reindeer? Please bring me a remote control car. Please bring my mom chocolatos Please bring the world food. Thank you! Love Dakota - Dakota Hayes

Dear Santa Claus. How are you? How is Mys Claus? Please bring me a Game boy. Please bring me mom a new candle. Please bring my dad a new hammer. Please bring the world peace and love Merry Christmas, thank you! Love Koby. - Koby Brander

Dear Santa, how are you? How is Rudolph? Please bring me a rocket. Please bring my dad a telescope. Please bring the world love. Merry Christmas Santa! Thank you! Love

- Joshua Skull

Dear Santa. How are you? How is Rudolph? Please bring me a puppy. Please bring my mom a Stanneklare. Please bring the world peace. Merry Christmas! Thank you! Love, Noah. - Noah Campbell

Dear Santà. How are ou? How are your elves? Please bring me a remote control car. Please bring my sister a polly pocket, she loves those. Plese bring the world kindness. Merry Christmas! Thank you! Love Seth.

Seth Graham

Dear Santa, How are you? How are your reindeer? Please bring me a Dion Phaneuf jersey. Please bring me an x-box 360. Please bring my broth-er a I pod. Please bring my mom a pair of croc slip-

pers. Please bring my dad a new Black Truck. Please bring the world Please bring me a flat hat. Please bring me a Sindy crosby jersey. Please bring me a Golden Retriever puppy. Merry Christmas Happy new year! Love Laine

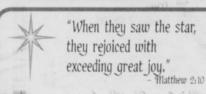
- Laine Rothenbusch

Dear Santa Claus. How are you? How is your rein-deer? Please bring me a Harvest Moon Game Boy chip. Please bring my brother another hockey stick. Please bring the world fresh air. Merry Christmas! Happy new year Love Jaedan.

- Jaedan Miller

Dear Santa Clause, how are you? How is your reindeer? Please bring me a DS game. Please bring my mom a Cooking Book.
Please bringmy brother
Lego. Please bring the
world food. Merry
Christmas! Thank you Santa! Please bring my Dad a shirt. Please bring my brother a DC Shirt and hat. Love Blake.

Blake Miller



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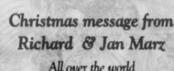




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All over the world Let kindness come with every gift, And good desires with every greeting. Teach us to refrain from evil, And pursue life with trust and honesty. On Christmas Day Allow us to be with friends and family. On Christmas evening Bring us to our beds. With grateful thoughts Forgiving and forgiven.

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Dear Santa

How are you? How is Mrs. claus? please bring mea DS game, please bring mom chocolates pleuse bring the world peace. Merry Christmus Santa. Thank you!

Love Koral Savoie

Dear Santa

How are you? How is rudolph? How was your summer? please bring me a new nintendo and a game. Please bring my dog a cat toy. Please bring my mom a new pair of slippers. Please bring my Dad a new shaver. please bring Nicky a new game for the ps2. please bring Carsona a trans-

Love Kayla Fischer

Dear Santa

How are you? How is Rudolph? How was your summer? How cold is it in the North Pole? How is Mrs. Claus? Please bring me a new nintendo game. Please bring my dog a new toy, that is not soft! Please bring the world wonder. Please bring the world wonder. Please bring the world peace. Please bring my brother trucks and cars. Please bring mrs. arbuckle and mrs. p jewelry and clothes and new shoes. Please bring my Mom a pair of slippers. Please bring my dad a new shaver. Please bring me Paws of Littlest pet shop Diary. Thank you! Merry Christmas! Happy new

love Haley Nichols

Dear Santa clau

How are you? How ire your reindeer? How is Rudolfh please bring me the Littlest Pet Shop Diary. Please bring my brother an x-box. please bring the world love and care. Merry Christmas Santa.

thunk you love Holly Tippe

Der Santa.

Thac you for the dog last Can you ples get me a Hockesick. Can you ples get my Mom a necklace.

Cin you get my Dad a Tool

Can you brin the por pepol some food ples

Haw is root root of doing. Good by Santa calaus From Meagan

Dear Santa claus

How are you? How is Rudolph? please brin me chloe the Bratz, doll please bring my brother, sims pleae the world bring, food and love Merry Christmas,

thunk you love Lacey Newsome

Dir Santa

Thak you four the kasul you gav me last yer. Can you get me two wepkidz this yer. Can you get my Dad a book Plez. Can you get the world good food.

I like your raw Deer I lik your stay. Don't for-

gat my house.

Dear Santa

How is Rudolf doing? I would please like a pirate ship! Merry ChriST mas Santa!

Love Carter

Dear Santa

How are you? How is Rudolph? How are your reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? please bring me a real dog please bring my mom a chapter book. please bring the world peace. Merry Christmas!

Thank you! Love Zoe Kondla-Wolf

Dear Santa

How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? Please bring me the transformer x-box game. Please bring my sis-ter the 12 dancing princess -box game. Please bring the world peace. Thank you! Happy New Year! Love Joradn Mierke

Dear Santa

Love Jason

Thank you for the presents. I like the toys. How are you bo the reindeer fly? Merry Christmas Santa!

How are you? how is Mrs. claus? How are your reindeer. Please bring me MY Little Pet Shop Diary. Please bring my sister a webkinz. Please bring the world peace and love Merry Christmas. Thank

Love Julie Christianson

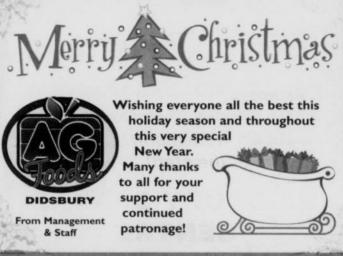
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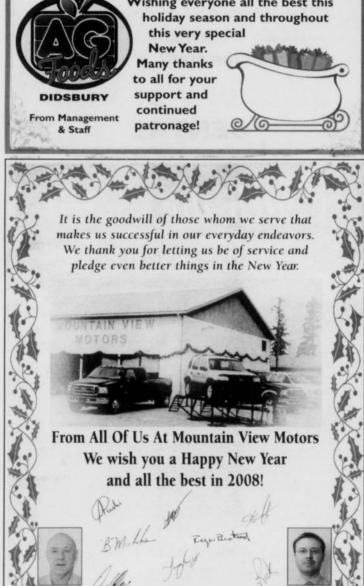
Thank you for the Frog Gam Last yer. Can you pres got me a soobyDoo Seven?. Ples get the wrld good food. Dotfor got my

Dan

Please give the word good food for the pore people, haw is rordalfe. Haw dus rordalfe noses glowe.

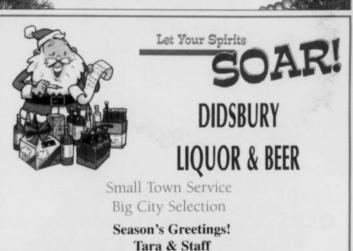
I love you Satna. Love Sienna.











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Dear Santa Claus

Thank you for my x-box, I like to play it. Please bring my dad a game. I would like a game boy.

Have a Merry Christmas.

William Jensen

P.S. Please bring food for the world. How do your reindeer fly?

Dear Santa, Hello! How are you? I have been very good. Could I have this truck for Christmas? Please may I have it?

Merry Christmas. Love Jacob Wiege

Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you for my air hockey table. How is Rudolph?

This year I would like a Merry game cube. Christmas Santa!

Love. Ethan Olstead

Dear Santa Claus.

Thank you for my bat-man car. I like it a lot. I am leaving you a treat at my

Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you for my tiner toys. I play with it a lot. I would like a squid wkes macaw this year. I have been very good. Love, Evan

Dear Santa Claus, Thank you for my GI Joes. I play with it a lot. Please bring my mom a

necklace. I would like a game boy. Please bring world peace for the world How are your reindeer? How are you?

Hava Merry Christmas. Love, Tray Ven Graham

Dear Santa Claus.

Thank you for my mon-ster truck. I like it a lot. Please bring my mom a necklace. I would like a Tomagochi C4, and a Tomagochi B4. Please bring joy for the world. How do your reindeer fly?

Have a Merry Christmas

Luke Bayfield

Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you for my buby. I love it a lot. Please bring my sister a bike. I would like a little pony. Please

bring peace for the world. How do the reindeer fly? Wut is yor frvrt food? Have a Merry Christmas. Love, Jocelyn Leclaine

Dear Santa Claus.

Thank you for my boat, I like it a lot. Please bring my mom a necles. I would like a polly pokit. Please bring food for the world How are you and the reindeer?

Have a Merry Christmas.

Brynne Thomas

Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you for my rasc car. I like it a lot. Please bring my brother a ps3. I would like an Ipod. Please bring joy for the world. How do your reindeer fly? How are you feeling?

Have a Merry Christmas Love, Erran Thompson

Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you for my Dall. I like my Dall. Please bring mom a heart ornament. I would like fish. Please bring happiness for the world.

Have a Merry Christmas. Love. Cheyanne

Hegeann P.S. How are you feel-

Dear Santa Claus,

Princess puzzle. I like to build it. Please bring my brother a Wii and Ipod. I would like aBratzdoll. Please bring peace for the world. How do your reindeer fly?

Have a Merry Christmas.

Jasmine

Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you for my bed. I like sleepinginit. Please bring my mom a ring pack. I would like a Webkinz reindeer. Please bring food for the world. How does your sleighfly?

Have a Merry Christmas.

Andrayd Gole

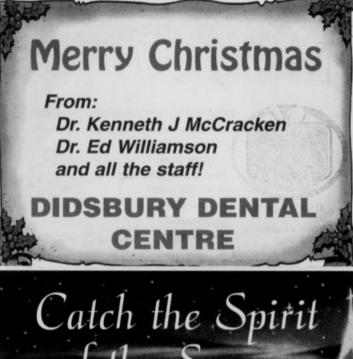
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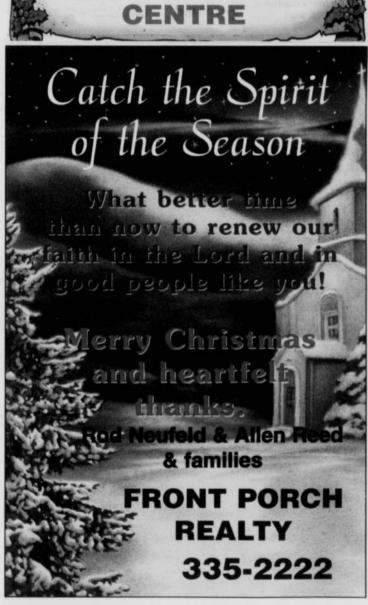
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Dear Santa

Thank for my ponies.. How is Rudolf, claus making I would like a toy.

It is a sing and dance pinky pie. I love you santa! Love Kayla

Dear santaClaus,

Thank you formen transformers. I like it a lot. Please bring my mom a necklace. I would like a transformersople, sebring food for the world. How are the reindeer?

Love, Nick Bitzer

Dear Santa, How is Rudolf doing? I would like a ballerina mat and a ballerina suit,

Would you give my mom a nice little ring.

Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you for my Bratz doll. I like it a Lot. Please bring mymomasnowflake decoration. I would like a neopet. Please bring peace

to the world. How are you? Have a Merry Christmas. Love, Marissa Tony

Thank you for the SpongeBob How are

you doing? Rudolph?

Is he leading the way to Didsbury?
I would like a DS, please.

Thank you Santa Love, Jaxon

Dear Santa Claus, How are you Santa? Are you really busy? I hope you have time to bring me a present. I would really like a remote control truck. I will have a good treat for you, Santa.

Love, Tristan

Dear Santa, I like you! I would like a Racoon

ebkin please How is Rudolf and all the

rest of the reindeer? How are you and your wife doing? Merry Christmas! Love Owen

Thank-you for the Batman

Dear Santa,

Lego. My mom helped me build it.

There were stairs for Batman. It is so much fun. My dog Rufus chewed my ornaments.

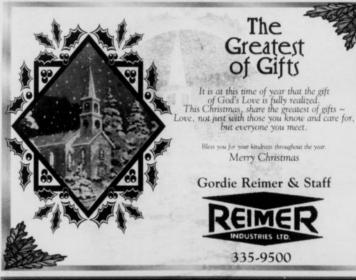
Are you having a good night's rest at the North Pole? Maybe some day I

can visit you. We could play. Would you please bring me a V-Bot that is noisey. Please bring mommy a Care Bear and a Daddy a Diego rescue cen-

Love From Brodie Weber

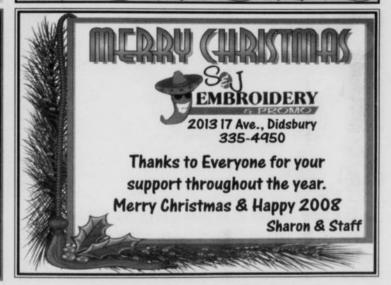












would please like a toy

It is the Optimus Prime Battle Rig Blaster. How are your reindeer? Are your eleves busy?

Merry Christmas! Tye

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus doing? Rudolf doing. I would like a transformer please. Have a nice Christmas!

Love Conner

How is Rudolf doing? I would please

like a pirate ship! Merry ChriST mas Love Carter

Dear Sauta How is Rudolf? How is Mrs. Claus? Please can I have a white horse. Merry Christmas Santa! Love, Abi

Thank you for the presents I would like a tea set please.
Do the eleves wrap all the presents? Merry Christmas

Dear Santa

I love you Santa! Could I please have a baby alive! Are the reindeer going to pul your sleigh? Merry Christmas Santa!

Shavna

Dear Santa, How is Mrs Claus?

How is Rudolf? How is the North Pole? I would like a stuffie please

Thank you for the presents

Love Grace

Dear Santa, I like you Thank-you

For the Bay Blades. How si the North Pole? How many reindeer do you have? Please bring mom some flower pots. And Dad a work pock-et. Please bring me a remote control Love from Rowan

Dear Santa

How are you doing? I will leave you cookies right by the Christmas tree I would like a transformer this is called BumbleBee I would like a turkey stuffie.

Merry Christmas

Love, Spencer

Dear Santa, How is the Northpoll

How many elves do you have Thank-you for presents for last year. You must have lots of toys in your sled!

Please bring me a remote control tratula. Please bring mom flowers and dad some

tools. Thank you from Chase

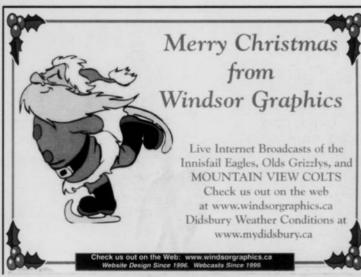
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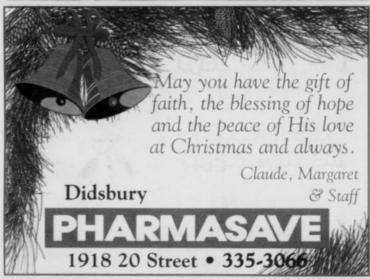
Thank you for the presents. I like the eys. How are you bo the reindeer fly?

Merry Christmas Santa!

Jason











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Have a MerM Ch Love Rylen

Dear Santa

How is Rudolf doing? Can Rudolf pull the heavy sleigh? Can I have a nice Teddy Bear please Thank you Santa! Love, Cassidy



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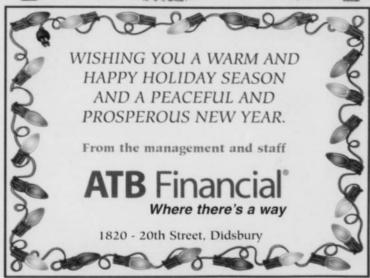
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1B letters from Santa

Der Sata

Thac you for the tecno last yir. Plas get me a motrbic. Can yo gt my dad a car. Plez get the wrl pls. How doo vr andiirfli

Hal doo yo mede prezes. Don't for gt to come to my has.

Luf frem Jason

Der Santa

Thac you four the borbedal last yer. Can you brin me a barbehaws. Can you brig mom a tedeber plez. Plez can you brin the wrld clon wotr.

How do the rander fly. How do the elfs c prese.

Have a saf trip Luf Taylor

Dir Santu,

I like the dog you gae me last yr. vis yrr can I hav a Elk byugl.

Can you get my Dad a box uv lit bolbs Brin food to the por pepil please. Haw is road olf dooin.

How do you stae on the Roof. I hop you don't fol off the roof.

Frum **Brodie**

Der Santa

Thack you for the robot las jeur can you giv me a hotwil PLes can you giv a motrsako to Mr.o. can you giv the Wrold pls. How is rodof. How are you don Satu.

I lov you Alicson

Der Satna

Tack you for the brats you gave me laset yere. Please give me fore webkine crmes ties yere. Please give my mom a

neacklise please give Mr.d a madrsickel please give my brutre a Hot Weles

love Sienna

Dear Santa

Thik you for pezrints please get me a hot whees. Please get my Dad also a hot whees. And can you pleas get My mom a toowl. Can you please get the word good food. How do your ren deer fly. Do you like candys. Don't mis my hos. Goodby

Love Wesley

Thac you for the Dol you Gav me tas

Anyou plez brieq me a bratzdol thiseer Plez can you bring my Mom a pers plez brina clen

Widi for the

Pleze can you get Mr. D a hotwel. Pleze can My Dad hav a Mod rsickle Pleze brie the wrld sum Pes How do yor rad derz fli. I love you santu

From Linz

Der Santa.

Thogk you fur the presents las year Ples gev me a robot man. Ples gev my dad a book. Ples gev my mom a book.

PLes can you gev the world good food. How do your raneder fli. Hoow do you mak toys Hove you

Thack u for the hot wel lastyer. Plez caen yoo get me a trac for my hot wells. Get my bruthr a mocintrll. The wrld good watr

Haw dus yor randeer fly? Haw doow yor elfs mak toes.

Biv Santo Luy frum Caleb Dere Santuo

Thac you for the bakho last yer. Pllese cen you get me a hot weul this

Mi Dad wons a hoo truc giv the world peace pllese.

Huo do your ran der fli, do you like

Bi Santu I hope that you hav a saf tim. Christian

Der Santa

Thac you four my present last yer.

Thes yer Plez

Get me a letrick gtre ples get Mr.Da Drtbic . Plez brin the wrld peez How do your

Wer do you go four vaycasnen Gud by santa

Frum Justin

Der Sandu

Thag you for Teprizn you gav me lasyer Yes eic ken you plees bring me a Brat. Ken you plees get my mom a nechlis. Ken you plee brin the porpepl klen wasr and ken you plez brin the wrld god fod

Haw do your randeer flie And how do you Mark Priznts

Marekrisms Love Alyssa

Htac u for belu sinr rulu last yer. Can you get my dad a modrbrie plys. Can u get me a difrint presin pleasa.

My mom dustin rily wont eny thing hisy

er please. Haw is roodof? Hud is roob of booing this yer I hope you visit my. Aus this yer.

Maddy

Der Satu

Thac you for the Baby Brats thet you gave me lasht yer. Ples give me a Borby van this yer. Ples give my Bruthur a tras formr this year. Ples give the world sume bedts. Haw duoes dondolf fli haw colde is it in the northpol. I louve you Santu Morgan

Der Satu

Thac you for the webkin you gav me last yer. Ples giv me a bratz this yer.

Ples give my sistr a pond pupe tiz yer PLes giv the world sum me. I do the randers a fli a lot.

I hop you hav a god day at the north pul.

Der Shantu

Thangks for the jinu dol you giv me last yier. Thes yer wil you ples giv me a Dog. Can you giv mi cosin a book. Please brig food to the por pepol.

Haw do your randers fliy? And what is your fafrit fud?

I Love you I hoop you hav a saf trip.

Der Santa

Thack you for the Doll you gave me lashe yur.

Can you brie me a stuff horse this yur

Can you brie me tist yur a bratz doll

Can you brie my mom a prsce. Pleesse can you brie the world food. How Can your rowdolef fly. How do ou

Don't Mise My House.

I hoop you have a safe trep. Wate is your favret food.

I love you santa Have a good CHresmes Mackenzie.



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The meaning of Advent

I just took Jesus down off the shelf, dusted him off along with his mother and father, shepherds, the Magi and some animals and set up my Nativity set. A ritual, yes. An impor-

tant one, yes, but much more than that.
In doing this annual ritual, I was reminded of a number of things, some of long ago, some in the near past, some in the present and ome from the future. I was taken back to Advents of my childhood, school holidays and Christmas concerts, tobogganing, skating, hockey, warm fires and hot chocolate. I was reminded that Advent meant being with friends and family. It was a time of celebra-

I was also reminded of Christmas carols, incense, Advent candles, decorations and communion. Remembering these is like wrapping oneself in a warm familiar com-

Then as I reflect more on that time gone by I am reminded that not everyone can share good memories of the approaching Christmas time. I am reminded that for many people in our community and this world, Christmas does not bring good memories. Poverty, injustice, war, inequality, estrangement, grief, brokenness and loneliness rob both individuals and family of possibilities and hope. The future may not seem very promising. Alistair's Simm's words in the movie 'A Christmas Carol', "Bah humbug," ring quite true for many people.

For many individuals Christmas day is just another work day. And Christmas is lucrative. Businesses hope for record sales. It is an important commercial time for many people in retail business. The media market blossoms during Advent. We search for the perfect gift for loved ones and seem quite willing to go into debt to please them.

That seems like the down side of Advent / Christmas for surely there must be more than the commercial side of this season. And as I continue to set up my Nativity set, I am brought to the reality that there is far more to this season than some would have us believe. I am reminded that the perfect gift has come and will come again. I am reminded as I unpack the babe in a manger, Jesus from the Nativity set, that God has given us the perfect gift. It is Jesus the Christ. Unfortunately, we all too often miss Jesus because of the traps and trappings of the season. But the story begins long ago

It begins with the prophet Isaiah's words in. the Hebrew writings, which foretell the promise of a gift to humanity from God. The prophet writes of someone who will judge between nations, will settle disputes and bring peace. He speaks of a time when nation ot rise against nation and a time when we will not have to train for war anymore. He speaks of a time when, "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14 Immanuel, God is with us, is a promise that accompanies this gift of God's, Jesus the Christ, the babe born in a stable. The celebration of his birth reminds us of the hope of Advent that God is always with believers. It is not a promise that life will be easy but it is the promise that no matter what may happen there is someone who is always there for the believer.

Later Isaiah in the prophet tells us that, "A people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned." Isaiah 9:2 Later, in the Gospel of John, the writer tells us of Jesus, who is the author of life and the light for humanity.

It seems only fitting that at the darkest time winter season, a light came into the world. He comes relatively unnoticed save for a few people at the time of his birth who were told of the event. Yet in his quiet arrival, he brought and continues to bring with him, hope, salvation and the gift of life to those who are searching for spiritual life, healing and hope. He comes for those who need to be cleansed from sin and want to begin their life anew. He comes for those who are searching

for a friend who will never abandon them. From our church family to you and yours, we hope for you God's blessing in this Advent / Christmas season and the future. We hope that you have opportunity to discover or rediscover the Nativity. We hope for you that the babe, Jesus, becomes real for you and is with you as Saviour and friend to light your world and give you warmth.

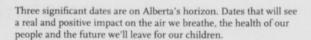
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Top teams chase Colts

Didsbury goaltending solid in losing cause

"It was a

heartbreaker,"

BILL TURVILLE

Didsbury Revie

A young stable is beginning to show its inexperience. After two losses last week, the Mountain View Colts, remain in the Lakes Division cellar.

Their opening match was against the top team in the division and the second highest ranked club in the Heritage Junior B Hockey League, the Stettler Lightning Friday night.

Stettler, a team blessed with a collection of skilled shooters took the game 5-2.

The first period didn't start well, with team General Manager Bill Turville calling it the worst period the Colts have played all season.

Didsbury was outshot 22-5 in the stanza, relying on the outstanding play of

goaltender Evan Miller to leave the peri-od in a scoreless tie.

"The kids weren't ready to come play," said Turville.

"We had to regroup."

The regroup seemed to pay dividends with the locals capitalizing on an early goal by Kobie Freeman. Second-year Didsbury native Mike

Arnold also scored in the second period, finding the back of the net on the power

The left-hander is now at a point-per-game pace with nine points in nine games

While the two teams left the second period tied at a pair of goals apiece, Didsbury outplayed their opposition, winning the shot count 11-7.

But it was the third period where Stettler's weapons

took over, scoring the final three goals of the game

The events in their contest versus the Red Deer Vipers had a much different feel.

In the standings, the Colts have been looking up at the Vipers for weeks, and with a win would have come

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within three points of their central Alberta rivals.

With 32 seconds left in regulation, Red Deer's Kiel Dunne bested Colts goalie Jason Arnason for the win-

'It was a heartbreaker," said Turville

Probably the best game we have played."

Red Deer won the game 4-3, and outshot the Colts 46-

Once again, rock-solid goaltending was vital for Didsbury

"He played extremely well," Turville said describing

"He gave us a chance to win, and that's all you can ask for from your goaltender."

For the second game in a row, the

Colts drew first blood, with crafty Ryan

Miller tallying on the powerplay.

The Colts entered the third period looking solid with a 2-1 lead, following a marker by Kodie Wickham.

The Colts' go-ahead goal was regis-tered by scorching rookie Luke Tannas, getting his ninth goal and 17th point on

the season. Workhouse veteran defenseman Matt

Richardson, recently returned from Junior A, picked up three assists over the weekend and Turville believes his return automatically improves their

blueline.

Next on the Colts' calendar is a road game against the Airdrie Thunder this Friday.

The last time these two teams tangled, the Thunder

won the contest 2-1.

Presently, Airdrie sits second in the Foothills Division with a record of 16-4-0.

Didsbury's next home game is versus the Three Hills Thrashers this Saturday at 8 p.m.

The last meeting with the Thrashers was an 8-3 win for Three Hills.

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Adult Bible Study Sunday - 9-30 a.m.
Holy Communion 1 & 3 Sunday 10-30 a.m.
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Small Group Bible Study meetings

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outh of Didsbury to sign - West 1.5 mile Pastor Trevor Kriaka, info - 337-2020 Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.



If you would like to attend Mass in Olds but require a ride, we have parishioners willing to provide transportation. Please call Wynne Wollen at 335-8891!

SEE YOU IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

Friday, Dec. 21 and Friday, Dec.

There will be no cribbage play at the 5-0 club. Play will resume again on Friday, January 4 at 7:00

Dec. 21,22,&23 at 7:30 p.m.

The "Live Nativity" will acted out at the leemer Lutheran Redeemer Lutheran Church. Welcome one and all to view this pageant

Saturday, Dec. 22

The Mountain View Colts have a home game at 8:00 p.m. against the Three Hills Thrashers. Your support will be duly appreciated.

Tuesday, Dec. 25



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DIDSBURY TOPS Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Rosemary 335-2835.

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In and around **Didsbury**

and Wednesday, Dec. 26

The Didsbury Aquatic Centre will be closed these two days. At the Memorial Complex, the main ice surface and the leisure ice surface will also be closed.

A new way to start the New Year

Are you 50 years +? If so, consider becoming a member of the Didsbury 5-0 Club. There are so many things for you to become a part of with your membership: floor curling, choir singing, playing pool, card playing, quilting and monthly Pot Luck dinners. You can also have your hearing aids checked by Beltone or make an appointment with a foot doctor every six weeks. Check it all out with President Don 335-8697

Monday, Dec. 31

Lone Pine Hall will be the deal place to bring in the New Year Cocktails, sup-per and the live band "Broken Heros" on stage for the dance. Remember, it's advance tickets ONLY by phoning 337-2963 or

Monday, Dec. 31

Wednesday, Jan. 2

This is the closing date entries into or women) and a business person to be drawn.

Thursday, Jan. 3

All Seniors of the town together at Eldon Fo (mornings) for more info

Just got word of the New Year's Eve Dance at the Mountain View Community Hall. Phone 335-4581 or 5-4288 for all the details

Didsbury Farm and Ranch Spiel being held from January 7-12 at the Didsbury Curling Rink. Phone your entry to Harry Reese 335-3181. The teams will be made up of two or three farmers (men, mixed

and surrounding areas are invited to an afternoon get Hall (train station) after the doors are opened at 1:30 pm. There will be a variety activities followed by refreshments. You can phone Carol at the Seniors support office 335-4391

or if you need a ride.

Friday, Jan. 4

Cribbage play will resume at 7:00 pm at the 5-0 Centre. Coffee and good-ies for all, everyone wel-

Friday, Jan. 4

Would you like to come and cheer on the curler at the first ever INDY 500 of Curling at the Didsbury Curling Rink. The name – IN as in Innisfail, DY as in Didsbury 500, that's howmuch granite goes down the ice each end. Play begins at 9:00 am. Concession will be open. Cash prizes.

Saturday, Jan. 5

The game starts at 8:00 pm at the Didsbury Arena the with Cochrane Generals in town to play the Mountain View Colts. Come and cheer on your home team.

Tuesday, Jan. 8

The Mountainview Christian Women's Continental Breakfast will be held from 9:30 am to 11:30 am upstairs in the Carstairs Arena (across from Hugh Sutherland School). "Home is Where the Heart is", Special Feature - Home Interiors - Jeannette Austin, Special Music - Sydney Cummings -Special Speaker to

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS 12-Step group for Compulsive Overeaters, meets on Thursdays at 7 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Anglican church, 130 Albert St., Airdrie. For more information call Deb at 948-0563 or Frankie at 335-3633.

3025 RCACC Didsbury Army Cadets Youth 12-18 Monday 6:30 - 9:30. Downstairs Victoria Square Mall 559-8801.

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IF YOU ARE PREGNANT or planning on becoming pregnant this crowd is for you. Skinny Joe's Coffee Shop. Carstairs 6:30 - 8:30 the 4th Thursday of every month. For info call Didsbury Public Health 353-7292.

DIDSBURY YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE'S meetings are held the first Monday of each month. All persons interested in volunteering and helping to work with the youth in our community are encouraged to come. for location and time please call 335-1975.

DECEMBER 19, 2007 Midway Community School
Christmas Concert - Join us for a fun-filled evening ending with a visit from Santa Claus. Midway School Doors open at 6:30 pm, and the show begins at 7:00 pm. All community members and past students are welcome to attend. Please bring a non-perishable donation for the Mountain View County food Bank.

REDEEMEN LUTHERAN CHURCH Live Nativity. Dec 21, 22, 23 at 7:30pm. Christmas Eve Service 7:30pm, Christmas Day Service 10:30am. 51-

ounced.

Please phone Margie 335-3765 or Deb 337-2487 for your reservation. Free babysitting is supplied by the Women's Club.

Tuesday, Jan. 8

The Didsbury Hospital Auxiliary will meet at 2:00 pm in the Assembly Room at the Hospital. New members always welcome

Wednesday, Jan. 9

The Pot Luck dinner at the 5-0 Club will start at 12:30 pm. Put together your favourite meat dish, salad, veggies or dessert and enjoy!

Saturday, Jan. 12

The Medicine Hat Cubs will be playing against the Mountain View Colts at 8:00 pm at the Didsbury Arena. Your cheers are really appreciated by the home team.

Tuesday, Jan. 15

Dr. Nugent, foot doctor, will be at the 5-0 club from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. No appointment necessary.

This will be my last news until January 8 so I send my sincerest wishes to all my readers and my helpers for a Merry Christmas with friends and family and a Happy Prosperous New





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CREMONA COUNTRY FELLOWSHIP is hosting VBS on August 20-24, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. The theme is Big Fish and there will be Bible stories, games, snacks and crafts. Contact 637-3878 for more information.

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ud Hall rentals. Call 335-9945 or 335-4606. 20tfn 5-0 Club Hall Rentals. For Hall rentals &/or info regarding the hall please call Bea Niedersteiner 335-3058. To Rent Didsbury Elks Hall. Call Ray Vipond. 335-8082. To Rent St. Cyprian's Anglican Church Hall, contact Myrray Wat 335-3746. Myrna Watt 335-3745.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW CHORALIERS invite you to sing with us 7 p.m. Mondays at the 5-0 club, 2500 15 Ave. 36tfn

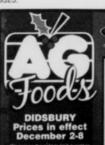
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Tyke #1-

Dec 15 - Didsbury 12 #2

Tyke #2-

Dec 15 - Didsbury 8 #1

Novice #1-

Dec 15-#1 Didsbury 7 #2 Didsbury 1

Midgets-

Dec 15- Didsbury 8 Airdrie

Bantams-

Dec. 8 – Didsbury 13 Carstairs 2

(to advance to the B final of a tournament in Hanna where they lost 5-4)

PeeWee

Dec 8- Didsbury 3 Morin 3 Dec. 9 – Oyan 4 Didsbury 4

Novice ones soar

The Didsbury Ramblers Novice One Hockey team has had a great start to their season with only 3 losses on the records. So far they have competed in one tournament finishing in third place. The team is lead by the intrepid coaching force of Dan Visser, Chris Dussault and Jeff Chomyn and managed by Barry Kreiser.

Our veteran squad is made up of Mitchell Visser, known for his wicked wrist shot and speed to the net and Karson Dussault, a quick passing, quick thinking player. Jeromy Jean works the plays in the corners and is excellent at forechecking. Kaydin Knutson is a forward with a keen shot and stickhandling prowess.

Our rookies make up the majority of our team, Laine Rothenbusch is a strong defenceman working hard for the team and scoring a few for the team. Donnie Dixon is one of 3 players keen on minding the net and he has stood on his head this season to keep that puck out. Nathan Thompson is not afraid to dig in those corners,

hold the line on defence or backcheck. Jaedan Miller is a defenceman with unbelievable speed who can read the ice with ease. Tyler Chomyn returns to us after a month overseas and skates like he hasn't missed a day. Simon Kreiser willingly plays all positions but has a love for standing between the posts and saving those goals. Caleb Schindel also likes his time netminding with quick moves and smart saves, but also plays out on the line with intensity. Mason Mailer fights for that puck and sets up plays for scoring opportunities. Dyllan Hasselberg is not afraid of taking on the bigger opponents whether on wing or on defence.

We had the amazing opportunity of supporting the

exhibition game/charity event when the Saitama Sakae Beavers played the Didsbury Midget team. The Novice boys were responsible for collecting the donated teddy bears and hats/mitts off the ice after the first goal. This was a very special night for our team and we were so lucky to have been a part of it for the community of Didsbury. We have had a great season so far and anticipate many more exciting games in the future.

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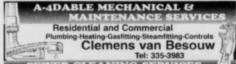
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MACLEAN, GORDON WILLIAM

ord MacLean passed away at Kelowna, BC, on November 16, the age of 52. He 2007 at the age of 52. He leaves his loving wife, Karen Christiansen; his four chil-dren, Jennifer Dodman (Pat).

dren, Jennifer Dodman (Pat),
Christine MacLean (Brent
Therrien), Elizabeth MacLean
and Michael MacLean and his
granddaughter, Mackenzie Dodman.
He is survived also by his mother, Mary Peterson
(Earle), his sister, Sandra Garossino (Ravi
Sidhoo), his brother, Rod Garossino (Kim
Anthony), his sister, Karyn Garossino (Andrew
Muller) and much loved nephews and nieces. A
devoted and loving family man, Gord was prededevoted and loving family man, Gord was prede-ceased by his father, Duart MacLean. Born in Vancouver, Gord moved to Alberta as a child and Vancouver, Gord moved to Alberta as a child and spent his early years growing up in Carstairs. Following high school he worked in Calgary where he began a family with the birth of his first child, Jennifer. After several years Gord joined his father in business in Vancouver and they operated two successful taxi cab businesses, Royal City Taxi and Richmond Cabs. In later stages, he operated the business in partnership with his sister, Sandy. Gord moved with his young family to Kelowna and changed careers to become an investment advisor at RBC Dominion Securities. He excelled in this work and ultimately became a myestment advisor at RBC Dominion Securities. He excelled in this work and ultimately became a portfolio manager and a vice-president of RBC Dominion Securities. Gord has a passion for the outdoors and was and avid sportsman; his favourite activities included cycling, skiing, swimming and hiking. He also was an involved and active member of the community, supporting many worthwhile causes. Gord had a wonderful many worthwhile causes. Gord had a wonderful life and he touched many people in many differ-ent places along the way. Those who wish to ent places along the way. Those who wis remember him and to celebrate his life may donations to his charity of choice, the Kelowna General Hospital Foundation, Hospice Campaign. A memorial service was held in Kelowna on November 22, 2007.

LUFT

Roy Douglas Luft passed away Saturday, December 8, 2007 at the age of 82. Roy was born and raised in the Didsbury area. He married Donna Sherick October 22, 1954 and Roy spent several years trucking before they settled on the family farm near Westcott. The following years were busy raising beef and dairy cattle as well as their five children. Roy and Donna enjoyed spending time with family and their many friends whether in their home, at church, at the coffee shop or in the community. Roy is survived by his shop or in the community. Roy is survived by his loving wife and best friend, Donna; his children loving wife and best friend, Donna; his children Doug (Connie) Luft of Didsbury, Terry (Michelle) Luft of Didsbury, Brenda (Bill) Kerr of Saskatoon, Sandy (Ian) Hopfe of Didsbury, Leanne (Brian) McLachlin of Red Deer; 19 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren as well a numerous relatives and many friends. He was predeceased by his mother and father, his brothers, Henry, Fred, August, Leonard and Elmer and his sisters Mary Dubois, Elsie Baudistel and Emma Bogner. A Celebration of Roy's Life was held on Friday, December 14, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church, Didsbury with Pastor Mike Morgan and Pastor Grant Sikstrom officiating. Interment followed in the Didsbury Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made directly to the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church Memorial Fund or the charity

Missionary Church Memorial Fund or the charity of choice. As a tribute to Roy Luft, a tree will be planted in the Heartland Tree Memorial Park, Olds. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd, Olds entrusted with arrangements. 403-507-8610.

In Memory of Chris Pieper

You're so wonderful to think of But oh so hard to be without In our hearts you live on Always there and never gone

> Love you forever, Mom & Dad Mike, Julie & Andrew Brian & Brenna Kim & Justin

> > LARSON

Martin Elvin Larson of Olds, AB Martin Elvin Larson of Olds, AB passed away at the Olds Care Centre on Saturday, December 8, 2007 at the age of 92 years. He will be lovingly remembered by his devoted wife of 68 years, Margaret Georgina "Mamie", his two sons: Paul (Yvonne) of Lundbreck, AB and Ken (Fern) of Stettler, AB:

and Ken (Fern) of Stettler, AB; his daughter Neva (Norm) of Didsbury, AB as well as his nine grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren. Martin will also be missed by his sister, Sylvia of Deer. Martin was predeceased by his son "Butch" on September 19, 2007 as well as his brother Lawrence and his sister Laura. Martin Elvin Larson was born on January, 10, 1915 to Elvin Larson was born on January, 10, 1915 to pioneer parents on a homestead near Castor, AB. As a young man he attended Art School near Calgary, but returned to the farm where he resided until 1971. On December 23, 1938 he married Margaret Georgina "Mamie", the love of his life for more than 68 years. In 1971 they retired from the farm and moved to Red Deer where the cook we controlled nook at West Park where he took up custodial work at West Park Elementary School. He became such a friend to the students that they gave him a new name, Mel. He and Mamie were much loved members of the Oriole Park Missionary Church where Mel was one of the official greeters. During his years after retirement from the school he went back to doing his art. He created many pen and ink drawings of historical buildings throughout Western Canada. In later years they moved into an apartment where they looked after all the "old people" where they looked after all the "old people" residing there who where in fact actually younger than themselves. Martin's final years where spent in the Sunrise Village at Olds, AB where he was able to see Mamie on a daily basis. He passed away peacefully, with his family by his side after a wonderful life of integrity, love and compassion. A Memorial Service will be held at CrossRoads Church, 38105 Range Road #275, (west of the Red Deer 32nd Street overpass on Hwy #2). Red Deer County AB, on Saturday. (west of the Red Deer 32nd Street overpass on Hwy #2) Red Deer County, AB, on Saturday, December 15, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. Memorial Donations may be made in memory of Martin Larson to the Salvation Army, 4837 – 54 Street, Red Deer, AB.T4N 2G5. Condolences may be forwarded to the family at www.parklandfuneralhome.com. In living memory of Martin Elvin Larson, a tree will be planted in the Parkland Funeral Home and Crematorium Memorial Tree Park Red Deer County, AB. Park, Red Deer County, AB.



Baylee Black would like to announce the new arrival of her baby brother Donavin Bryan Gillespie Born Nov 28, 2007

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HOOPER

Mary Elizabeth Hooper passed ary Elizabeth Hooper passed away peacefully at the Didsbury Hospital on December 9, 2007 at the age of 86 years. Mary was born on July 31, 1921 at Guernsey, Saskatchewan to Josiah and Elma Good. She married James M. Hooper on May 9, 1946 and together they sed five children in Didsbury.

raised Mary was a devoted wife and mother and will be remembered for her excellent cooking and fresh home baked pies. She was kept busy in the sum-mer months preserving the vegetables grown in her large garden. She loved her Lord and served her large garden. She loved her Lord and served him faithfully. She read her Bible daily and was a prayer warrior. She had a special interest in missions and enjoyed the monthly prayer letters from many missionaries. Mary was devoted to Zion Evangelical Missionary Church in Didsbury. She attended faithfully. She served as a Sunday school teacher, secretary of the local church council and sang in the church choir for many years. She worked diligently with the many years. She worked diligently with the Women's Missionary Society of Zion Church. In her later years, she served on the Missions Board her later years, she served on the Missions Board of the church. Mary was actively involved with the Red Cross and was kept busy knitting sweaters and baby outfits for the Red Cross. She worked on the tuck cart at the Didsbury Hospital for many years. Her family would like to thank the nurses and staff at the Aspen Ridge Lodge and the Didsbury Hospital as well as Dr. Neil Smit for the compassionate care given to Mom. Mary was predeceased her husband James on June 12, 1994 and her daughter Edna Janssen on December 20, 2003; her brothers Lyle and Art and sister Bertha. Left to mourn her passing and to celebrate her life are sons Robert (Chris) Hooper of St. Walberg. are sons Kobert (Chris) Hooper of St. Walberg, SK, David (Annette) Hooper of Didsbury, Ralph (Virginia) Hooper of Edmonton; her daughter Rita (Hugo) Schwandt of Didsbury; son-in-law Hans (Charlene) Janssen of Olds; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; sister Edith Dunphy of Calgary; brothers-in-law Stuart (Myrtle) Hooper of Didsbury and Bill Hooper of Lethbridge as well as purposers. Lethbridge as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held on Saturday December 15, 2007 at 2:00 pm. at Zion Evangelical Missionary Church, Didsbury, Interment was at 11:30 a.m. at the Didsbury Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made directly to Zion Evangelical Missionary Church Memorial Fund, Gideons or Canadian Cancer Society. As a tribute to Mary Hooper a tree will be planted in the Heartland Tree Memorial Park, Olds. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd, Olds entrusted

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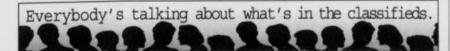
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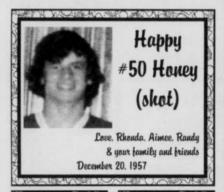
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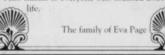
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for the donations to the Rosebud Health Foundation, for the flowers, cards, phone calls, visits, cooking & baking that the family and Eva have received in the last few months.

A special thanks to Rev. Carole Armstrong, Zion Evangelical Church and Personal Alternative Services.

Also thanks to everyone who touched Eva'



EVELYN MAUD BOHANNON AUGUST 23, 1913 - DECEMBER 8, 2007

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My best friend and mother, Evelyn Maud Bohannon, passed away peacefully in Unit 4 at Didsbury Long-term Care on December 8, 2007 at the age of 94 years. Evelyn was born on August 23, 1913 at the Calgary Holy Cross Hospital, to parents Dr. and Mrs. William E. Spankie. She attended Cliff Bangalow School, Earl Grey School, and graduated from Western Canada High School. Upon graduating, Evelyn took a business course and worked in Dr. Spankie's eye, ear, and nose specialist's office. Later, she also worked for the City of Calgary in the Electric Department. While working in her father's office. Evelyn met Bill Bohannon, who was a patient of Dr. Spankie's. They were married on December 5, 1951 and she moved to Bill's family farm located west of Carstairs, where they farmed, raised a family, and resided for over 50 years together. Although Evelyn grew up in Calgary, she quickly fell in love with the country and farm life. Evelyn was a truly unique person with a warm, kind heart and great sense of humour. She had a special flare and talent for decorating and handicrafts. She loved nature whether enjoying being outdoors under the blue sky and sunshine or looking through her kitchen window at the production of the control of the production of t enjoying being outdoors under the blue sky and sunshine, or looking through her kitchen window at the birds feeding and deer walking through the

yard. Evelyn was a member of the Jackson Women's Evelyn was a member of the Jackson Women's Institute for over 50 years. Evelyn was predeceased by her husband of 51 years, Bill. Evelyn is lovingly remembered by her daughter, Anne and her husband, Palmer Schuetzle, and her grandchildren Ryan and Andrew Schuetzle. Anne and Palmer would like to thank Dr. Smit, Dr. LeRoux, and Dr. Crausen for providing excellent cone to Evelyn. A would like to thank Dr. Smit, Dr. LeRoux, and Dr. Craven for providing excellent care to Evelyn. A very special thank you goes to Mom's incredible companions, Lorraine Aarsby and Barb MacLean, and all the wonderful staff on Unit 4 who took such wonderful care of mom. Also, the family wants to thank Sherry Luft and Brenda Wagner and the support staff of the Adult Day Program, who provided such tender care and friendship to Mom and Dad for over 10 years. Memorial tributes can be made to Rosebud Foundation, Box 962, Didsbury, Alberta, TOMOWO, or the Cremona Community Chest, Box 149, Cremona, Alberta, TOMORO. A memorial service will be held on December 21, 2007 at 1:00p.m. at the Carstairs Church of God. As a tribute to Evelyn Bohannon a tree will be planted in the Heartland Tree Memorial Park, Olds. Heartland Funeral Home,

Park, Olds. Heartland Funeral Home, Olds, entrusted with arrange-ments 403-507-8610.

We wish to express our sincere thanks for the cards, food, flowers and visits after Grace's passing.

A special thank you to members of St. Hilda's Chapter #27 of the Eastern Star for their funeral service and lunch following the service.

The family of Grace Banta

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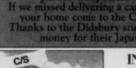
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